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POETRY.

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A MEDICAL PRESCRIPTION.

Translated from the French of La Martiniere.

Would you wish to get well without failing
Of I know not what ill, which, I know not for why,
For this fortnight has made you look feeble and ailing!
I prescribe you to buy,
How much I can't say, of a root I know not,
To mix of I know not what simples a potion,
Pound I know not what herbs, and of them make a lotion;
Which applied piping hot,
Will for aught that I know
Make you eat, drink, and sleep, as a fortnight ago;
But this I can venture for certain to say,
Half the doctors in London prescribe the same way.

THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS.

Notwithstanding most of our readers have probably read the last of the Mohicans, we cannot resist making a short extract. Uncas, the son of Chingachgook, and last of the Mohicans, is slain by an artful Huron, and buried by his nation according to the Indian customs. There is something irresistibly touching and simple in the lament of Chingachgook over the grave of the last of his race, as well as in the consolations of Hawk-eye, who, like him, is a renowned warrior. In delineating the Indian character, Mr. Cooper is very happy. The simplicity of their style, their striking comparisons to nature and noble thoughts make them an interesting race.

" Chingachgook become once more the object of the common attention. He had not yet spoken, and something consolatory and instructive was expected from so renowned a chief, on an occasion of such general interest. Conscious of the wishes of the people, the stern and self-retained warrior raised his face, which had latterly been buried in his robe, and looked about him, with a steady eye. His firmly compressed and expressive lips then severed, and for the first time during the long ceremonies, his voice was heard, distinctly audible.

' Why do my brothers mourn !' he said, regarding the dark race of dejected warriors, by whom he was environed ; ' why do my daughters weep ! that a young man has gone to the happy hunting grounds ! that a chief has filled his time with honour ! He was good. He was dutiful. He was brave. Who can deny it ? The Manitto had need of such a warrior, and he has called him away. As for me, the son and the father of Uncas, I am ' a blazed pine, in a clearing of the pale-faces.' My race has gone from the shores of the salt lake, and the hills of the Delawares. But who can say that the serpent of his tribe has forgotten his wisdom ! I am alone—'

' No, no,' cried Hawk-eye, who had been gazing with a yearning look at the rigid features of his friend, with something like his own self-command,

but whose philosophy could endure no longer ; ' no, Sagamore, not alone. The gifts of our colours may be different, but God hath so placed us as to journey in the same path. I have no kin, and I may also say, like you, no people. He was your son, and a redskin by nature ; and it may be, that your blood was nearer ;—but if ever I forget the lad, who has so often fou't at my side in war, and slept at my side in peace, may He who made us all, whatever may be our colour or our gifts, forget me. The boy has left us for a time, but, Sagamore, you are not alone !'

" Chingachgook grasped the hands that, in the warmth of his feeling, the scout had stretched across the fresh earth, and in that attitude of friendship, these two sturdy and intrepid woodsmen bowed their heads together, while scalding tears fell to their feet, watering the grave of Uncas, like drops of falliug rain.

" In the midst of the awful stillness with which such a burst of feeling, coming, as it did, from the two most renowned warriors of that region, was received, Tamemund lifted his voice, to disperse the multitude."

Contrast.—Maj. Stevens, the dwarf, measures in height thirty-one inches, and is between 25 and 30 years old.—His proportions are just and his features fair : his voice squeaking and effeminate,and in his conversation creates interest as much, perhaps, from the singular littleness of his person as from the solidity of his observations. He converses freely and answers with readiness any questions put to him.—He endeavours to say something often times pretty smart. The jokes of Maj. Stevens are always stoutly lauded.

Col. Mc N—— of the army, is upwards of six feet six inches ; and every way of the noblest proportions.—His immense chest, his legs, his arms, the intelligent expression of his countenance, and, in short, the whole of his person, constitute a figure the most majestic and imposing. *Ægis.*

Liberality.—Mr. Jacob Woolfgang, of Codorus township, (Penn.) owned one fourth of ticket No. 24517, which drew the capital prize of $100,000 in the late grand State Lottery of Maryland, and after receiving his portion of the nett amount he presented *one thousand dollars* to the teamster who purchased the share for him.

Supreme Court.—The March term of the supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts for the counties of Suffolk and Nantucket, commenced in this city on Tuesday last. Present, Chief Justice PARKER, Judges PUTNAM, WILDE, and MORTON. The Grand Jury and the Petit Juries were empannelled, and discharged till called for. It being a law term of the Court no jury cases will be tried until towards the close of the term.

Isaac B. Desha.—It is stated in one of the Western papers, that Isaac B. Desha, the murderer of Baker—who has twice been convicted by a jury of his country, of this horrid crime, but who, by the shuffling of his father and friends, has as often been screened from the halter, and a new trial granted, has finally been *released from prison !—Statesman.*

A gentleman in this city has received a letter from Mr. Reynolds, Capt. Symmes' chief engineer, and pilot major to the bowels of the earth, who says he is coming to the Emporium ere long.

A Sabbath in Boston.—Without being proud of the fact, we doubt whether there is a town or city in the United States, where more general respect is paid to the Sabbath, than in Boston.

A committee has been appointed at Halifax, to promote a steam navigation between that place and Quebec.

There are 260,000 inhabitants in Vermont. The increase since the year 1800 has been 110,000.

ROBBERY OF THE MAIL.

New York, March 4.—The great southern mail which left this city the 27th ult. has been robbed between Philadelphia and Baltimore. The agents of the Post Office have been vigilent to discover the robbers. Information of the robbery was instantly despatched to the East, and Messrs. Allens, brokers, of Philadelphia, who had deposited a number of bank bills in the post-office, on Tuesday, sent on a list of them to this city. On Friday, some of Messrs. Allens' notes were offered for exchange at a broker's office in this city, where information of the robbery had been received, by a well dressed young man, who called his name *Nichols*, who was forthwith arrested, examined, and committed to Bridewell. On his way he made several desperate attempts to escape; and a loaded pistol and two dirks were found on him.

Public Spirit.—The inhabitants of Wellfleet have subscribed $100,000 for the purpose of erecting wharves, stores, &c. for the inspection of mackerel. Sixty sail of mackerel vessels are now owned at this place.

Ebenezer Baldwin Esq. has resigned the office of Recorder of the City of Albany, and the Governor has nominated to the Senate, James M'Cowan, Esq. to fill his place.

In Hillsborough N. C. a son stabbed, and killed his father (Lewis Hunt) who was wrestling. The blow, with a Spanish knife, was aimed at an antagonist, but hit his father.

James McNaught, a gun smith, of Richmond, Va. has been committed to gaol on a charge of having shot a young man by the name of Daniel Denoon, formerly his appretice. McNaught committed suicide the night he was committed.

A comfortably rich importer, a short time since, sold an honest labourer, half a barrel of sugar, and while the man went for a cart, the merchant took out about 25 lbs. The fraud was detected and he has paid dearly for the iniquity.

Two Irishmen, a little while since, hired a boat to go on a fishing frolic, below the Fort. There was a small furnace in one end, in which, it being rather chilly, towards eveniug, they kindled a fire. Returning, the boat took fire, and they rowed for their lives, for South Boston. By the time they reached the wharf, opposite the House of Industry, the boat was nearly half consumed. The instant they reached land, away they ran, like distracted men, to the first house, and asked of the good lady, the privilege of drawing a few buckets of water from the pump—for their boat was all in flames—and they had but just escaped in time to draw a *"booket of warter to put the d—d thing oot."*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Secretary's Office, Mar. 6, 1826.

I hereby give notice, that by a resolve of the 23d February last, each Town in the Commonwealth is entitled to a Printed Copy of the Report of the Commissioners appointed to survey a Canal Route from Boston to Connecticut River. The Clerks of those towns which have not yet received a copy, are requested to call for the same, or send a written order.

EDWARD D. BANGS, Secretary.

Port of Boston.

March *Entered.*

2. Sch. Mayflower, Kennard, Aquin.
4. Brig Ivanhoe, Dixey, Palermo.
6. Attentive, Moore, Havana.
7. Robert Patten, Abbot, Africa, &c.
Sch. Palladium, Sarcom, St. Michaels.
Ariel, Brackett, Turks Island.
Br. Sarah Morrill, Freeman, Liverpool.
8. William, Ring, Gottenburg.

Feb. *Cleared.*

21. Brig Emilia, Silvia, Pernambuca.
Mar. 3. Ship Columbia, Cook, Havana and Russia.
4. Sch. Mentor, Eldridge, Halifax.
7. J. Q. Adams, Gage, Honduras.
Brig Monroe, Kent, Africa.
4. Sch. Quincy, Hersey, Cape Haytien.

REMOVAL.

EDWARD CLARKE & CO. have removed to the corner of Central and Kilby streets. Dec. 12.

Married,

IN THIS CITY,

Mr. Charles A. Hamilton of Worcester, to Miss Eliza A. Porter of this city.

On Thursday evening, by Rev. Mr. Ballou, Mr Joseph Kendall to Miss Emeline Amelia Dow.

By Rev. Mr. Ware, Mr. Richard W. Bailey, merchant, to Miss Martha Bates.

By Rev. Mr. Young, Mr. Barzilla Homes, merchant, to Miss Mehitable Rice.

On the 22d ult. by Rev. Mr. Streeter, Mr. Timothy Clark to Miss Mary Heath.

Deaths

Reported at the Health Office during the week ending Thursday noon, Mar. 9.

Mar. 2. Samuel Foster, 79 years.
" James Rayner, 1 year.
" Eliza Ann Hanscom, 28 years.
" Hannah Thayer, 84 years.
" James Sanderson, 1 year.
" Charles W. Clark, 8 months.
" Patience Humphrey, 22 years.
" Sarah Shed, 24 years.
" Christian Brown.
" Levi Peters, 9 months.
3. Thomas Entwissle, 38 years.
" Nancy Madden, 4 years.
4. John C. Freeman.
5. Reuben S. Abbot, jr. 9 months.
" Jane Philpot, 9 years.
" Son of James Class, 14 days.
" Rebecca Coolidge, 63 years.
" Hannah E. Tufts, 16 months.
6. Mary Sophia Wells, 19 years.
" Mary Robinson, 49 years.
" Darius Morton Baxter, 5 months.
" Daughter of James Deatrow, 4 days
" Elizabeth B. Godfrey, 26 years.
" Margaret Dorothy, 3 years.
" Lucretia M. Morrison, 3 years.
7. Laura Ann Maxwell, 3 months.
" Eunice Choat, 56 years.
" Isabella Coggins, 23 years.
" Mary Bird, 84 years.
" Mary Mitchel, 86 years,
" Elizabeth Thayer, 66 years.
8. Samuel Blagge, 64 years.
" Benjamin H. Haynes, 31 years.
" Harriet Francis, 26 years.
" Dolly Stevens, 77 years.

DIED

In Gloucester, on Thursday evening, Feb. 23, suddenly, Capt. William Damrell, of Portsmouth, and master of the Sloop Boston of that port, aged 36. Capt. D. was probably the largest man in the United States. He weighed about a month since, 444 pounds. His coffin was made of plank, and measured across the breast 3 feet 6 inches, and in depth 3 feet, and was 7 feet in length. The hearses in Gloucester were not large enough to admit the coffin, and his remains were carried to the grave in a cart. It required ten men to perform the rites of interment.—*Essex Reg.*

In Chelsea, on the evening of the 25th ult. Abijah Hastings, esq in the 96th year of his age. He was born in Waltham, but early in his life he settled in Chelsea. Naturally possessed of a strong, clear mind, he was distinguished by the calmness with which he examined the subjects and the opinions, which were proposed to his attention; and amidst all the fluctuations of time and circumstance, through his long pilgrimage, he has ever been a rational and consistent politician and christian. During a number of years he was a teacher of youth: and while in the vigor of life, for a long while he sustained, with perfect integrity, the most important and responsible offices in the gift of the town. He was also once for eight months, and at another time through a year, in the army of the revolutionary war, in the capacity of ensign. His faculties, and the peculiar characteristics of his mind, he retained to the last.

In Hartford, Con S. Putnam Waldo, Esq. grandson of the late Major Gen. Israel Putnam, aged 46. The deceased was a man of superior literary attainments. As an author, he had acquired considerable celebrity. His "Memoirs of Jackson," "Life of Decatur," "Robbins' Journal," &c. have passed through several editions.—It is said that more than fifty thousand copies of these works have been printed and sold within the last seven years.

In Andover, Pompey Lovejoy, a black, aged 102 years. Pompey was born in Boston, a slave, but lived to enjoy the blessings of liberty. He lived on the spot where he died 91 years: the wife of his bosom and partner of his cares is still living, at the age of 98, and two unmarried nieces, whom it was customary with them to designate as the *children*, live in the family, one 68 and the other 50 years of age. Pompey was the oldest man in the county of Essex, and enjoyed his intellectual faculties to the last.

THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS.

MUNROE & FRANCIS, 128 Washington street, have just received "The Last of the Mohicans; a Narrative of the year 1757."—By the Author of the Pioneers, Pilot, &c. &c.

REMOVAL.

J. P. ROBINSON has removed to the new stone store, No. 39 N. Market street, where he has for sale a general assortment of English and American Goods, cheap.

Feb 14.

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